

REMARKS

By this Amendment, Applicants cancel claims 1-39 and add new claims 40-43.

Entry of this Amendment, and reexamination and reconsideration of the present application as amended are respectfully requested.

New claim 40 corresponds identically to originally presented claim 27 rewritten in independent form, and includes all of the limitations of the originally-presented claim 22, and is therefore deemed to belong to the invention “constructively elected” by original presentation as discussed by the Examiner on page 2 of the Final Office.

Furthermore, claim 40 (formerly claim 27) has already been stated by the Examiner to defined patentable subject matter (see Office Action dated 24 March 2005 at page 5, “Allowable Subject Matter”). Therefore claim 40 does not present any new subject matter, raise any new issues, require any new search or further consideration. Furthermore, claims 41-43 depend from claim 40, and include the identical features of originally-filed claims 26, 28 and 29. So they are also deemed to belong to the invention “constructively elected” by original presentation, and to be allowable for the same reasons that the Examiner already indicated claim 40 is allowable.

Accordingly, the application is now deemed to be in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing explanations, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and reexamine the present application, allow claims 40-43, and pass the application to issue. In the event that there are any outstanding matters remaining in the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact Kenneth D. Springer (Reg. No. 39,843) at (571) 283-0720 to discuss these matters.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No.

50-0238 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, particularly extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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